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TOPIC	Military Information from the Barracks Installation on Castavensee near Fuerstenberg 25X1X		
EVALUATION		PLACE OBTAINED	
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SOURCE

1. From 19 to 30 January 1953, the barracks installation on Castavensee (lake) near Fuerstenberg was occupied by about 2,000 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery, tank, motor transport or signal insignia. The tent camp just west of Castavensee was occupied by about 300 other soldiers. Three more garages had been completed, thus increasing the number of garages available to nine. Each garage has a capacity of about 20 trucks. Eight 82-mm mortars, 7 x 120-mm mortars, 4 x 76.2-mm field guns, 11 guns of undetermined caliber, 11 two-axle armored personnel carriers, 13 armored scout cars and 70 to 80 trucks were observed. Troops observed drilled with rifles and 76.2-mm guns and maintained motor vehicles. Firing with rifles and submachine guns with live ammunition was practiced at the Retzow training area. At about 5 p.m. on 27 January, about 25 trucks occupied by about 500 troops, 4 field kitchens and 4 x 76.2-mm guns left the camp toward the Retzow training area. At about 10 a.m. on 30 January, the column returned in a widely extended column.

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1. Comment. The barracks installation west of Castavensee is occupied by the 35d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div as reported on 10 January 1953, by the same source. () . A three-day exercise was probably held in the vicinity of the post in late January as was observed at other posts.
2. Comment. () confirms the 33d Gds Mtz Rifle Regt in the barracks installation on Castavensee until 2 January 1953. For original document see Annex.

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